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For: **DEVICE FOR CONNECTING BUILDING BOARDS, ESPECIALLY FLOOR
PANELS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir :

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner
is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

Amendment to the claims begins on page 2;

Remarks begin on page 5.